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The non-English-language document cited is relevant in that it was cited in the attached European Search Report for the related European Patent Office application.

It is submitted that the art cited does not constitute a bar to the patentability of Applicants' invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

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Each item provided herewith was first cited in the EPO Search Report for EP Application No. EP 05 26 1528 dated 15 November 2005 which is a foreign counterpart application of the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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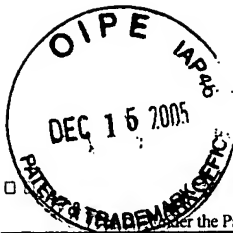
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